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## **Statement from Sen. Eric Johnson on Jasper Port announcement**

**From the conclusion of the Jasper Port Study Committee which was chaired by Sen. Johnson in 2006: *“Finally, if the harbor is deepened and dredged, material can be handled in a cost effective manner that can accommodate a new port; the region would benefit economically and environmentally through cooperative planning and development of such a port.”***

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“I am excited at the visionary announcement today from Governors Perdue and Sanford that we will proceed with jointly developing a new port facility on the Savannah River. By sharing governance and the cost of harbor maintenance, both states stand to gain from the economic benefit of expanding world trade,” stated Georgia’s Senate President Pro Tempore Eric Johnson. “Our Governors have seen the future and decided that regionalism and cooperation will give both states a crucial victory. Partnering together beats wasting time and legal fees and will give us a critical advantage in a highly competitive market. Bravo!”

**-Eric Johnson**  
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